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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial Application of:

Becker et al.

Serial No. 09/890,665

Filed: September 25, 2001

For: Method of Detecting Analytes in a
Sample and Support for this Purpose

) Art Unit: 1641

) Examiner: Bao Thuy L. Nguyen

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, to expire December 8, 2003 since December 6, 2003 was a Saturday. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a one-month extension.

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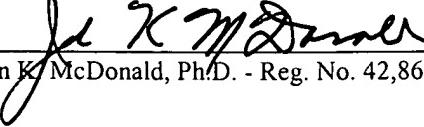
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